



## NAVAJO NATION PROGRAM FOR SELF RELIANCE TRIBAL FAMILY ASSISTANCE PLAN



The NNPSR staff will remain abreast of resources available for access by non-needy relative caretakers and will refer such caretakers to resources that can help them and the children manage barriers such as, but not limited to, parenting, cultural promotion, family communication, and establishment of legal custody. Training will also be provided to caretakers that will prepare and inform them about early childhood development, training and employment, and other skills. Non-needy relative caretakers will be afforded an opportunity to establish, participate in, and maintain support groups. The NNPSR will advocate on behalf of grandparents raising grandchildren by establishing advisory and focus groups, when necessary, to raise awareness for services; recognize Grandparents for their parenting efforts; and collaborate with resources which provide services to grandparents and non-needy relative caretakers, including the Navajo Area Agency on Aging, AARP and the Navajo Division of Social Services.

### **X. DISQUALIFICATION FROM RECEIPT OF ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES**

#### **1. Background Checks**

- a. All adult applicants shall be required to complete a background check and obtain clearance that they have not been convicted of one of the following felonies:
  - i. Fraudulent misrepresentation of residence in order to obtain assistance simultaneously from two (2) or more States/Tribes for the following:
    - programs funded under Title IV of the Social Security Act, which includes TANF;
    - programs funded under Title XIX of the Social Security Act;
    - programs funded under the Food Stamp Act of 1977; or
    - receipt of benefits in two (2) or more States under the supplemental security income program under Title XVI.
  - ii. Possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance (as defined in section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act).
  - iii. Rape, including incest and molestation.
- b. An adult whose background check reveals a conviction for one of the listed felonies shall be ineligible to apply for and receive NNPSR assistance.



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2. The following shall be ineligible to apply for, and receive, assistance:
  - a. An individual who is fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime, which is a felony under federal or state law.
  - b. An individual who is violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under Federal or State law.
  - c. An individual found to have committed an Intentional Program Violation shall be ineligible to apply for, and receive, assistance for a period determined by the Program.
  - d. An individual who physically assaults, or threatens the safety of, an NNPSR employee(s) shall be ineligible to apply for, and receive, assistance for a period of six (6) months for the first incident. A second incident shall result in permanent disqualification. The assault(s) and/or threat(s) must be substantiated by a police report(s).

### **XI. DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING**

The Navajo Nation will comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory reporting requirements pertaining to the TANF program.

### **XII. RETROCESSION**

If the Navajo Nation chooses to retrocede the TANF program, it will comply with all the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements pertaining to retrocession.

### **XIII. APPENDIX**

Exhibits:

- A. Navajo Nation Map
- B. Organizational Charts:
  1. Navajo Nation Government Executive Branch
  2. Navajo Division of Social Services Organizational Chart
  3. Navajo Nation Program for Self Reliance Central Support Services Office
  4. Navajo Nation Program for Self Reliance Direct Service
- C. Navajo Nation Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee Legislative Approval
- D. Navajo Nation Council Health and Social Services Committee Legislative Approval
- E. List of Designated Near Reservation Communities in NN Program for Self Reliance Service Delivery Area